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The individuals involved in making the above decisions weren't completely without fault, however. They were queried about researching the GWAC market outside of GSA. They had not done so, owing to either concerns over the restrictions imposed by the Economy Act or ignorance of the GWAC market. Concerns over the Economy Act dealt specifically with the review and approval requirements (i.e., approval at a level no lower than a S/General Officer). A strict reading of the AFARS would necessitate the forwarding of all district command "determinations and findings" to the major subordinate command for approval. Many viewed that stipulation as a disincentive to look to other agencies.

The number of agencies involved in Multi agency contracts has grown considerably in recent years. GSA freely admits that it receives stiff competition from agencies such as the Department of Transportation (the Information Technology Omnibus Procurement), the National Institute of Health (the Chief Information Officer Solutions and Partners contract) and the Defense Information Systems Agency (the Defense Enterprise Integration Services - 11 contract). Further information on those WACS available for use by all Federal agencies can be obtained by visiting the Defense Information Systems Agency website at <http://www.disa.mil/D7>.

NEW SARDA POLICY

Authority for Severable service Contracts that Cross Fiscal Years

(Esther Morse, SARDA)

Look for and review Policy Memorandum, SAID-PP, dated 20 March 1998

Section 801 of the FY98 Defense Authorization Act Authorizes contracts for procurement of severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year if (without regard to any option to extend the period of the contract) the contract period does not exceed one year. Funds made available for a fiscal year may be obligated for the total amount of an action entered into under this authority (see 37.106(b)).

The Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) Council has

drafted language which amends FAR 32.703 and 37.106 to implement this change. Also revisions to DFARS 237.106 will require departments and agencies to submit reports not later than 15 days after the end of both fiscal years 1998 and 1999 concerning contracts award under this authority.

I hereby grant a class deviation to FAR 32.703 and 37.106, authorizing contracting officers to enter into contracts for periods that cross fiscal years if (without regard to any option to extend the period of the contract) the contract period does not exceed one year. This class deviation is effective immediately, is assigned number 98-DEV-1, and is available for use until such time as the FAR and DFARS changes become effective.

NEWS ABOUT US

Anthony (Tony) Cochran, HQ, Chief of Operations & Contract Management Review Division, is now Director of Contracting Position at North Atlantic Division, effective April 12, 1998.

Raymond (Ray) Pollard, Acting Chief of Contracting Policy Division, moved to a job at Defense Logistics Agency, International, effective March 16, 1998.

Mary Fitzgerald, GS-13, New Senior Procurement Analyst Operations Division, has reported for duty on 10 May 1998.

LTC Tillman, Deputy Chief, Policy Division, has reported for duty on 4 May 1998.

LTC Moran, Deputy Chief, Operations Division, will be reporting for duty July 1998. He is presently in Korea.

Roger Adams, will be joining the PARC office soon in Contracting Policy Division. Roger will be serving as a GS-1102-13 Senior Procurement Analyst. He previously served with the Corps of Engineers handling the Contingency Contracting Operations in Germany.

COL Moyer, Deputy Chief, OPARC, has been selected for FY99 Colonel Acquisition Command! Congratulations to Col Moyer! She has also been notified of her early activation, assuming command, August 1998.